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SUBJECT: MSG REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

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1. REFTEL RECEIVED AND CONTENTS ACKNOWLEDGED. DEPARTMENT AND MSG BN RECOGNIZE NEED FOR STAGGERED REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE OF MSGS. HOWEVER, SCHEDULING OF REPLACEMENTS IS PREDICATED UPON AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL AND THE NUMBERS AND RANKS ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT CONVENIENT OR DESIRABLE TIMES. ASSIGNMENTS ARE MADE BASED UPON THE NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE PROGRAM AND ALL KNOWN FACTORS AT THE TIME OF CLASS GRADUATION. THERE ARE TIMES THAT PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT CONSIDERATIONS LEAD TO A SITUATION WHEREBY A MAJORITY OF A DETACHMENT IS OF NECESSITY REPLACED WITHIN A VERY UNCLASSIFIED

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SHORT TIME FRAME. THIS IS AN UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE, BUT FAR BETTER THAN THE ALTERNATIVE WHICH IS TO LOSE A MAN WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT AND BE FORCED TO OPERATE UNDER STRENGTH FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME.

2. MSG BN AND A/SY/FO/MSG ARE WELL AWARE OF THE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULING PROBLEM IN KUWAIT AND HAVE TAKEN THE

FOLLOWING STEPS TO BEGIN RETURNING TO A FULLY STAGGERED
TURNOVER CYCLE:

- A. HIBNER WILL BE REPLACED IN MAY.
- B. DIMMITT WILL BE REPLACED IN JUNE.
- C. DI CARLO WILL BE REPLACED IN AUGUST.
- D. ADAMS AND SIMON WILL BE REPLACED IN OCTOBER.

3. THE ABOVE SCHEDULE WILL EXTEND REPLACEMENTS OVER A SIX
MONTH PERIOD WITH FURTHER SPREAD POSSIBLE AFTER OCTOBER
REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE COMPLETED.

4. POSTS' CONCERN IN THIS MATTER IS APPRECIATED AND THE
MSG PERSONNEL SITUATION SHALL CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED. VANCE

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